

**Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

**Sermon: The Parable of the Sower**

*This worship experience is for in-home use and is designed to give you and your family a more Spirit-filled worship experience as we continue to be confined to our homes. Feel free to divide the readings and prayers up if you are blessed to have others worshipping with you. When you come to hymns, special music and the sermon click on the YouTube link provided and your computer, tablet or Smart TV should take you directly to the video. May God bless you as you enter worship! Grace & peace, Pastor Jon.*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Light a candle to symbolize the presence of Christ in your midst and to signal that you are entering into a sacred time of worship.**

**Prelude Pat Trostel** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uxvWDU30-w&t=58s>

**Call to Worship**

God has abundantly cast God's seeds of love and hope upon us.

May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.

Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

Let us sing songs of joy to God.

Hallelujah!

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**Opening Hymn      I sing the mighty power of God**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeSoE1Kmmv0>

**or                                  Shine Jesus, Shine**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3iB30gCqAc&list=RD5waffTnMH6g&index=4>

**Opening Prayer**

Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. This day we have gathered, coming from a week of unexpected happenings and events which have surprised us. Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed. **AMEN.**<sup>ii</sup>

**Praises**

- The new Trolls 2 movie and candy (Madi)
- Outdoor concert
- Hummingbirds

**Prayers**

- Ruth Millhouse
- Kent (Judy Welborn's cousin)
- Les Karns (Judy Welborn's friend)
- The family of Don Barnes (Sylvia Warner's friend)

- Tom & Susan Carrigan (for the loss of Tom's mom)
- Mary Ann Cornell
- Rich & Sarah (Sylvia Warner's friends; prayers for peace and healing)
- The Family of George Floyd.
- For all the families who have lost loved ones to Covid 19.
- For our political leaders, that they may work together to put forth policies to end systemic injustice in our country.
- For our community, that we may receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God.
- For our Church, that we would be led by the Spirit of Christ, as we stand against the systems within our society which oppress people of color.
- All essential workers, caregivers, doctors, nurses and healthcare employees
- Carol Jackson
- Sharon Schwanitz

### Prayer Hymn

Jesus, Let us

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rh\\_muZQytz8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rh_muZQytz8)

### Community Prayer

*God who plants seeds of hope and justice within our lives, we are so grateful for this community of faith and for all, anywhere, who hunger and thirst for your healing, reconciling word. You know all the things that are on our hearts today and you bring us together in Spirit, love and support. We ask your healing mercies to be with those who struggle with illness of every kind, with feeling lost and marginalized; for those who mourn and for whom the darkness of sorrow enshrouds them. We ask your growth-producing love for all those who celebrate*

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*and rejoice today. Be with each one of us and all those whom we have named in our hearts before you. Help us to reach out to each other in compassion and support, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. **AMEN.***<sup>iii</sup>

### Invitation to the Offering

As we commit our morning offering, remember all the ways in which God has entered your lives, and be grateful.<sup>iv</sup>

### Offerings can be mail directly to:

**Jenny Hausfeld**  
**320 Green Oak Dr.**  
**Troy Ohio, 45373**

### Peoples Response

**God, whose giving**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flJa1g\\_yjTY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flJa1g_yjTY)

### Prayer of Dedication

Gardener God, thank you for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Receive these gifts that they may become seeds of hope and love. **AMEN.**<sup>v</sup>

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## The Holy Scripture Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### The Parable of the Sower

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. **2** Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. **3** And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. **5** Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. **6** But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. **7** Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. **8** Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **9** Let anyone with ears listen!”

### The Parable of the Sower Explained

**18** “Hear then the parable of the sower. **19** When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. **20** As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; **21** yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the

word, that person immediately falls away. **22** As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. **23** But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**Sermon**            **“The Parable of the Sower”**            **Pastor Jon**  
<https://youtu.be/BbZ3mgwzJXw>

**Sending Hymn**            **How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art**  
<https://youtu.be/aC63cj6YaP4>

### **Benediction / Sending Forth**

God has placed the seed of love and forgiveness in your heart. Go into God’s world with joy, telling of the good news of God’s abundant, lavish love for all creation. Go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace. **AMEN.**<sup>vi</sup>

# Home Worship Experience

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1137/worship-connection-july-12-2020>

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